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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5, line 2, delete "or 4";

Claim 6, line 2, delete "or 4".

Please add the following claims:

--15. The picture recording apparatus as set forth
in claim 4,

wherein the compression-encoded data of the
reduced pictures is recorded to the record medium or another
record medium.--

--16. The picture recording apparatus as set forth
in claim 4,

wherein the compression-encoded data of the
reduced pictures are transmitted using a communication medium.--

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple
dependencies and new claims 15 and 16 have been added herein.
The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to
the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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